

Questions and Answer Document

**Questions submitted to Wisconsin Department of Health Services
in response to the Building Local Capacity to Address the Public Health
Impacts of Climate and Extreme Weather
Grant RFA# G-0318 DPH-14**

Question Number	RFP Page Number	RFP Section Reference	Question	DHS Answer
1	3	III. Eligibility Information	Can multiple LPHAs apply separately but combine funding or would they have to apply as a consortium/partnership?	As described in section III. Eligibility Information on page 3 of the RFA, any "LPHA or consortium of LPHAs" may apply. As further described, "The aim is to fund local city, county, or tribal public health agencies..." Therefore, the answer to your question is that any existing LPHA (city, county, or tribal) may apply individually. In addition, the intent of this RFA was to consider a "consortium" to mean a group of LPHAs banding together to apply for this funding, and then if awarded, to function as a single entity. This does not require the "consortium" to be a formally recognized, or existing public health consortium, nor does it preclude an existing public health consortium (ie: a consortium providing environmental health services to multiple counties) from applying.
2	3	II. Award Information	Are there expectations that the applicant cover the entire county for the work of this grant if they are city level?	An awarded LPHA or consortium of LPHAs would be expected to provide services in the area covered by its legal jurisdiction. Therefore, an awarded municipal health agency would need to work within the confines of that municipality, and not be expected to cover the entire county. Conversely, an awarded consortium would be expected to provide services within all LPHA jurisdictional areas covered by that consortium (ie: within multiple consortium member counties).
3	3	II. Award Information	Can two or more nearby LPHAs obtain funding under this grant, and then combine after receiving their funding to increase the number of dollars available.	While we will award grants based on the stated criteria and on an LPHA's or consortium's application responses, we would also like to engage LPHAs from around the state, and be cognizant of representation from the various geographic regions of the whole state. Therefore, while awarded LPHAs may certainly opt to combine their resources after receiving a grant, with only four grants being awarded, we are looking to try to engage eligible agencies from all parts of the state.
4	2	1. Objectives and Scope, Successful Applicants 1)-9)	Would collaboration meetings be in person or online, would an exercise be done individually or as a region, and would the exercise be a full scale or smaller?	Meetings: Discussions and meetings related to strategic project planning, assessing and building local capacity within the awarded LPHA will be done in person with BRACE staff at your location, or via teleconference with BRACE staff. All community engagement meetings with partners that are planned for under this grant will be in person, and at a location chosen by the grantee. A few informational meetings with other grantees will likely be via teleconference, and will be coordinated by BRACE staff.
				Exercises: Grantee exercises will be developed and coordinated between the LPHA project staff and BRACE staff after the grant is awarded. It is anticipated that these exercises will be relatively limited, and will be developed to serve specific needs of the LPHA and their partners.